

ITEM 7-C

CITY OF ALAMEDA

Memorandum

To: Honorable President and
Members of the Planning Board

From: Andrew Thomas
Acting City Planner

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Re: Public Workshop: Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendments

At the Planning Board's request, staff scheduled this workshop to give the Planning Board an opportunity to discuss the ongoing effort by the Historic Advisory Board (HAB) and staff to revise the Historic Preservation Ordinance. For information purposes, staff has attached copies of the reports from staff to the HAB that have been prepared to date for this ongoing effort. Ultimately, this effort will require that the City carefully review its procedures and requirements to achieve all of the following goals and needs:

- Ensure the preservation and appropriate modifications when necessary to designated City landmarks.
- Ensure high quality architectural design in all modifications, additions, and new buildings.
- Enable new and appropriate investment in new buildings and building modifications within existing and future Historic Districts to enable modern day uses and facilities. Specifically, staff is concerned with the Park Street Historic District and the Alameda Point Historic District.
- Encourage property owners, residents, and developers to invest in and improve property in Alameda by creating cost effective and efficient review processes that are affordable to Alameda homeowners and business owners and that can be effectively implemented with limited City staff resources. Specifically, staff is looking for way to reduce and/or eliminate redundancy in City permitting procedures between the Planning Board and the Historic Advisory Board.
- Provide appropriate oversight opportunities (appeal, call for review, etc.) for all discretionary permitting processes for the public, the Boards and Commissions, and the City Council to ensure that each permitting decision is appropriate and correct given the specific circumstances at the property.

Exhibits:

1. Prior reports to Historic Advisory Board from October & November 2012